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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COMMERCE MINISHIRPLO U.S.

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1. FINAL CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY AND PARTICIPANTS IN KAMARUZZAMAN

VISIT TO U.S. RECEIVED OVER WEEKEND. TRIP GENERALLY AS DESCRIBED REF. B.

2. SCHEDULE BEING SENT TO BANGLADESH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, IS AS FOLLOWS:

FRI., NOV. 9 - LEAVE DACCA AT 1205 THAI INTERNATIONAL 303 TO DELHI

SAT., NOV. 10 - LEAVE DELHI AT 0005 AIR INDIA 111 TO LONDON

SUN., NOV. 11 ARRIVES LONDON AT 1300 AIR INDIA ?TN ARRIVING NEW YORK 1535

MON., NOV. 12 / LEAVE NEW YORK AT 0900 NATIONAL AIRLINES 493, ARRIVING WASHINGTON 1000

THUWOMN NOV. 15 - LEAVE WASHINGTON MIDDAY BY CAR FOR NEW YORK, STOPPING EN ROUTE AT HANOVER, PA., TO VISIT REVONAH MILLS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUN., NOV. 18 - LEAVE NEW YORK AT 2000 AIR INDIA 656 ON ROUTE TO LONDON

WED., NOV. 21 - FOLLOWING STOPOVER IN DELHI, RETURN TO DACCA AIR INDIA 602 ARRIVING 1705.

- 3. WITHIN FOREGOING FRAMEWORK, BD EMBASSY IS TO SET UP PROGRAM AS IT THINKS BEST, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING. IN WASHINGTMN, BESIDES CALL ON SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VISITS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND OPIC AND ALSO EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. IN NEW YORK, VISITS WITH JUTE CARPET BACKING COUNCIL, OTHER JUTE INTERESTS, US-BANGLADESH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ASSUMING IT EXISTS), BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE CORP., WATERMAN STEAMSHIP.
- 4. GROUP WILL BE JOINED IN NEW YORK BY QCHURSHID ANWAR, CSP, CHAIRMAN OF JUTE MILLS CORP., WHO WILL BE VISITING U.S. AT THAT TIME ON BUSINESS.
- 5. RE VISIT TO AMERICAN LIFE, AHSAN ADVISED IN DEEP CONFIDENCE THAT BDG HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW ALICO TO DO NEW BUSINESS (PRESUMABLY WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITATIONS PROTECTING SCOPE ACTIVITY FAVORABLE DECISION ON ALICO APPLICATION NOT TO BE REVEALED UNTIL AFTER KAMARUZZAMAN'S VISIT. AHSAN EXPLAINED THAT AS POLITICIAN, AND WITH APPROVAL MUJIB, KAMRUZZAMAN PREFERS TO PLAY MATTER IN THIS FASHION. FOR BACKGROUND SEE DACCA MEMCON WITH MINISTER 9/18/73 AND PREVIOUS.
- 6. RE WATERMAN STEAMSHIP VISIT, THIS WOULD BE IN CONNECTION WITH LASH SERVICE. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION MAY BE INTERESTED. SEE DACCA 4603.
- 7. PRESUME DEPARTMENT HAS ADEQUATE BIO INFORMATION ON KAMARUZZAMAN. JOINT SECRETARY SYED SHAMIM AHSAN BORN 1936 CALCUTTA, WORKED BRIEFLY FOR AID/DACCA, WAS TAKEN INTO CSP; SERVED AS A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN KAMARUZZAMAN'S HOME DISTRICT, RAJSHAHI, AND CAME TO KNOW FUTURE MINISTER WELL; LATER WORKED WITH HIM WHEN MINISTER RELIEF AND REHABILITATION AND FOLLOWED HIM WHEN TRANSFERRED TO COMMERCE MINISTRY MARCH 1973. PRIVATE SECREATRY TO MINISTER, ZIAUDDIN HOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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